

'We support our children to be their best.'

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Friday 9th February 2024

Annual House Challenge Event

This week we had our annual House Challenge event. The theme this year was pancake tossing. The children worked with their house team to do as many runs as they could in 15 minutes whilst tossing a pancake in a frying pan. House challenges are excellent for supporting our Holly Park learning skill of team work – supporting each other and encouraging each other and working together for a common goal. Children work with their phase of the school and so get to work with other children across the school who they wouldn't normally work with – this is a good social interaction.

Here are the results of the Annual House Challenge:

	Points Total	Position
Hydra	159	Second
Griffin	186	First
Phoenix	108	Fourth
Dragon	130	Third
Unicorn	130	Third



School Streets

I am writing to let you know that the school street scheme outside our school is starting to happen in stages. There will be some construction elements concerning the school street during this February half term holiday. **The school street will not come into force at this stage**.

School Streets are composed of three elements to be the most effective;

- I. Signs to pre-warn of the School Street and to show where it is
- 2. Lines double yellow lines, school keep clear markings, crossings to cover other aspects of safety just outside of the school street
- 3. Cameras to ensure compliance with the School Street zone.

The first two elements – signs and lines – will be installed outside our school during February half term.

For clarity: any double yellow lines/crossings/school keep clear markings that are put in during this time **will** be active from after half term when we return to school.

Any signs will not be enforceable meaning the school street **will not** be active. All signs should be bagged (covered) by the contractor until the scheme is operational.

Once cameras are installed and checked, the full school street restrictions will go-live with all restrictions. The expectation is that this will be in operation after the Easter break – but there will be plenty of warning of this happening and I will confirm as soon as I know.









Children's Mental Health Week

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, the children dressed to express themselves on Wednesday. Many of them thought very carefully about what they wore and why they were wearing it.

Children dressed in favourite colours, to represent their country of origin, their favourite sport or hobby, favourite football teams. They dressed to express creativity, their name, their favourite characters, a love of plants, feeling cosy, super powers, their love to party and much more.



<u>Clubs</u>

We are very excited about the launch of lots of new clubs starting after half term. These will provide exciting opportunities for Holly Park children. We hope that they will offer something for everybody. Some of the clubs have extras such as: Street dance – the opportunity to take part in an annual dance show in a proper theatre. Chess club – the opportunity to take part in competitions. Karate Club – the opportunity to do gradings and progress through different coloured belts. Tag Rugby Club – the opportunity to take part in a tournament at a rugby stadium.

Sign up for all of the clubs is via the clubs themselves. The lists of clubs for both KS1 and KS2 with contact details is at the bottom of this newsletter. Clubs do run on a first come first served basis.

Foodbank Aid - 'Can We Bank on You?' Campaign

Foodbank are trying to raise awareness of the local food bank and spread the word.

They are challenging schools to ask every child to decorate a paper plate with their favourite meal on it and then to take the **best creative group photos of the children holding up their plates.**

On Monday 19th February (straight after half term) every child from Reception to Year 6 will bring home a paper plate to decorate with their favourite meal. They can decorate by drawing and colouring it in or by collage or even sticking on 3D foods. There are some examples below. Some children might like to do this over half term on a paper plate.

They should return it to school by Thursday 22^{nd} and some will be selected to be in a photograph competition to win the school £50 worth of food bank books for the school library.

On the week of 19th February, we will also have a large basket in the foyer and across the week we will be collecting donations of food to take to the local Food Bank Aid. Your support will be much appreciated. Suggested items are

listed at the end of the newsletter.













Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last week of term was 94% Well done to Y3 Willow Class with the best attendance at 97%.

Dates

12th – 16th February Tuesday 20th February Wednesday 21st February Monday 26th February Tuesday 27th February Friday Ist March Monday 4th March Tuesday 5th march Thursday 7th March Friday 8th March Monday IIth March Monday IIth March Tuesday 12th March Tuesday 12th March Wednesday 13th March Wednesday 13th March Monday 18th March Monday 18th March Monday 18th March Tuesday 19th March Tuesday 19th March Wednesday 20th March Wednesday 20th March Thursday 21st March Thursday 21st March Friday 22nd March Monday 25th March Monday 25th March Tuesday 26th March Wednesday 27th March Wednesday 27th March Thursday 28th March

Half term

Y2 to Kew Gardens Y2 SPAG Meeting for parents at 9.00am Read Together in class 8.45am to 9.15am Nursery – Nursery Rhyme Day Year 4 Pyjama Party Parent session about 'resilience' 9am in the school hall **Barnet Dance Festival** World Book Day The Holly Park Book Swap First Aid lessons this week Times released online for parent consultations Y4 Maths workshop for parents & children at 9am KSI Book Look at 3.45pm Author visit KS2 Book Look at 3.45pm First aid lessons this week Curriculum Meeting for parents via zoom at 9.30am Infant Dress rehearsal Infant show at 2pm Nursery stay and play 4-5pm Infant show at 2pm **Cross-country competition** Anti-bullying meeting for parents via zoom at 9.30am Infant show at 2pm Year 4 Viking Day Holly Park Well-being Week Holly Park Wheel to School Week YI-Y6 Parent Consultations 4pm – 6.30pm Y3 Roman Day YI-Y6 Parent Consultations 4pm – 6.30pm End of term at 1.30pm



KSI External Clubs Spring Term 2024

Mondays Football

Non-Stop Action After School





Booking: <u>https://nonstopaction.co.uk/</u> 02084460006



Little London Dance Studio



Booking: littlelondondancestudio@gmail.com

Thursdays Gymnastics

Vicky RG Academy



Booking: 07725818655 info@vickyrgacademy.co.uk



KS2 External Clubs Spring Term 2024

Mondays Street Dance



Lunchtime Y3/4 After SchoolY5/6 Booking: info@dancewright.co.uk 07482693890



FINCHLEY CHESS MOVES

Lunchtime



Accelerate Sports After School



Booking: Email: johnfleetwoodj@aol.com Booking: deanna@accelerate-sports.co.uk 07507798271 https://acceleratesports.classforkids.io/info/60

Wednesdays Gymnastics and Game Design

Vicky RG Academy Lunchtime

e.Assistant Game Design **After School**



Booking: 07725818655 info@vickyrgacademy.co.uk .CO.U

Booking: www.eAssistant.co.uk select: 'Clubs' then 'Holly Park' 077 4849 3383





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Booking: https://nonstopaction.co.uk/ uk 02084460006

HOLLY PARK **IS COLLECTING FOR FOOD BANK AID** FOOD BANK AID

FOOD BANKS URGENTLY NEED DONATIONS. Food Bank Aid delivers your donations to 30 food banks each week, supporting 16,000+ people (including 5,200 children) across North London.

WHAT THE FOOD BANKS REALLY NEED



Tinned food - meat, fish, fruit & veg

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Cooking oil



Breakfast cereals

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Biscuits, crackers, nuts, cereal bars & dried fruit



Rice, grains & noodles (max 1kg)

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Shampoo, toothpaste, 🕇 toothbrushes & deodorant



Jam, honey, peanut butter, Marmite



滥 Baby formula & nappies (large sizes), creams

HOW TO DONATE

We will be collecting for Food Bank Aid from 19th to 23rd February Please leave your donations in the box in the foyer

Thank you on behalf of Food Bank Aid!



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Food Bank Aid

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